

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A device for fastening an object in the ground, comprising:

a basic body;

said basic body having an anchoring portion for anchoring the basic body in the ground and a holding portion for engaging the object, said anchoring portion and said holding portion being respectively positioned along a longitudinal extent of the basic body;

said anchoring portion having a first portion and a second portion [[being]] formed from one piece, said second portion being positioned closer to said holding portion than said first portion along said longitudinal extent;

said first portion of said anchoring portion being cone shaped with a first cone angle;

said second portion of said anchoring portion being cone shaped with a second cone angle larger than said first cone angle;

threads attached to said anchoring portion for screwing the anchoring portion into the ground; and

said anchoring portion and said holding portion being substantially hollow, wherein the anchoring portion is formed by mechanical deformation from a cylindrical part.

34. (Previously presented) A device for fastening an object in the ground according to claim 33, wherein the threads extend substantially over an entire length of the anchoring portion.

35. (Previously Presented) A device for fastening an object in the ground, comprising:

a basic body;

said basic body having an anchoring portion and a holding portion located in respective positions between opposed ends of the basic body;

said anchoring portion having a first portion and a second portion being formed from one piece, said first portion being located between a terminal end of said anchoring portion distant from said holding portion and said second portion, and said second portion being located between said first portion and said holding portion;

said first portion of said anchoring portion being cone shaped with a first cone angle;

said second portion of said anchoring portion being cone shaped with a second cone angle larger than said first cone angle; and

said anchoring portion and said holding portion being substantially hollow, wherein the anchoring portion is formed by mechanical deformation from a cylindrical part.

36. (Previously presented) A device for fastening an object in the ground according to claim 35, further comprising at least one fin structure being attached to the basic body.

37. (Previously presented) A device for fastening an object in the ground according to claim 35, further comprising at least three fin structures being attached to the basic body in an equiangularly spaced manner.

38. (Previously presented) A device for fastening an object in the ground according to one of claims 33 to 37, wherein the anchoring portion and the holding portion are formed in one piece from the cylindrical part.

39. (Previously presented) A device for fastening an object in the ground according to one of claims 33 to 37, wherein the anchoring portion is attached to the holding portion.

40. (Previously presented) A device for fastening an object in the ground according to one of claims 33 to 37, wherein a difference between the first cone angle and the second cone angle is in a range of between about 1 and 3 degrees.

41. (Previously presented) A device for fastening an object in the ground according to one of claims 33 to 37, further comprising a bore extending through the anchoring portion in a direction perpendicular to a longitudinal direction of the basic body.

42. (Previously presented) A device for fastening an object in the ground according to one of claims 33 to 37, wherein said anchoring portion includes a tip.

43. (Currently Amended) A device for fastening an object in the ground, comprising:

a basic body including an anchoring portion extending from a first end of the basic body which penetrates the ground in use and a holding portion located adjacent a second end of the basic body;

at least a partial longitudinal extent of said anchoring portion being divided into a first conical portion having a first cone angle and a second conical portion having a second cone angle, said first and second conical ~~sections~~ portions both

tapering in a direction towards said first end of the basic body, said first conical portion being closer to said first end than said second conical section; and

said first cone angle of said first conical portion being smaller than said second cone angle of said second conical portion.

44. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 43, wherein said first and second conical portions are formed integrally from a single piece of tubing by mechanical deformation thereof.

45. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 43, wherein said anchoring portion and said holding portion are formed integrally from a single piece of tubing by mechanical deformation thereof.

46. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 43, further comprising a thread attached externally to the basic body and extending at least along a portion of said first conical portion.

47. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 44, wherein said mechanical deformation includes hammering into shape by applying deformation forces which act on the piece of tubing both axially and radially.

48. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 45, wherein said mechanical deformation includes hammering into shape by applying deformation forces which act on the piece of tubing both axially and radially.

49. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 43, further comprising a tip attached to the basic body at said first end.

50. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 49, wherein said tip is a square tip pressed onto said first end.

51. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 43, wherein:
said basic body is hollow over a major portion of a length thereof; and
a wall thickness of said basic body over said major portion increasing with
a decrease in an outer diameter of the basic body.

52. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 43, further comprising at least one fin structure being attached to the basic body to extend longitudinally therealong.

53. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 52, wherein said at least one fin structure includes at least three fin structures ~~[[being]]~~ disposed about the basic body in an equiangularly spaced manner.

54. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 51, wherein said basic body is closed at said first end.

55. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 43, wherein:
said basic body is hollow over a major portion of a length thereof including a hollow portion of said first conical portion; and
said hollow portion of said first conical portion including a bore through a wall thereof.